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IN RE APPLICATION OF: :  
HIROYUKI EBINUMA, ET AL. : EXAMINER: DUFFY, PATRICIA ANN  
SERIAL NO.: 10/575,711 :  
FILED: APRIL 13, 2006 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1645  
FOR: METHOD OF PRETREATING :  
SAMPLE AND IMMUNOLOGICAL  
ASSAY METHOD USING THE SAME

AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated June 8, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.